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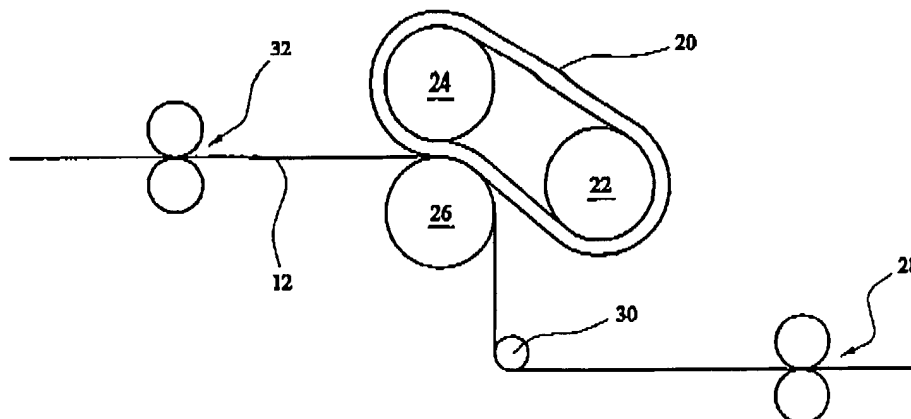
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(57) Abstract: An apparatus for the treatment of fabric which comprises transport means (20, 26) for effecting relative movement between a heat and pressure application means and the fabric, whereby the passage of the fabric through the apparatus results in the yarns substantially across the width of the fabric being forced closer together, thus imparting semi-permanent "ease" or "stretch" into the fabric, characterised in that fabric speed control means (28) are employed downstream of the apparatus whereby to maintain the fabric output speed at a predetermined level.

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